## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 726 By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Ray N. Pierce and the Jackson Central-Merry High School VICA Chapter 45 for their exemplary service to their community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body pause to pay tribute to those exemplary groups who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Central-Merry VICA Chapter 45 (JC-M) is one such group of Tennesseans, who are most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Central-Merry's Ray N. Pierce was deservedly recognized as the 1996-1997 Advisor of the Year at the State competition, and in addition, was awarded an official Certificate of Merit earlier in the year for his involvement in school activities; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Central-Merry VICA Chapter 45 participated in the Trade Show:

Jackson Under Construction at the Fairgrounds, receiving the Thompson Group Award for the highest number of points earned at the show; and

WHEREAS, The Chapter participated in the West Tennessee Skills Event at the Tennessee Technology Center in Jackson, and was named the Outstanding Chapter Leadership as result of its performance; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Central-Merry's future plans include competing in the State Skills Event in Knoxville, April 26-29; and

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WHEREAS, this noteworthy group of young people consistently placed in the top 10 nationally among VICA Chapters in competition was held last year in Kansas City, Missouri; and WHEREAS, the Chapter has been well represented at the state level the past several years with several members holding key state office positions; and

WHEREAS, VICA Chapter 45's numerous accomplishments include its being the first Chapter in Tennessee to receive a charter to have an Alumni Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we recognize Mr. Ray N. Pierce and the Jackson Central-Merry High

School VICA Chapter 45 for their outstanding accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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